

Garden

GREETINGS

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GOING UP

Need to save on space but not imagination? Build upward with a tiered tray. This multi-storied approach works just as well as traditional container methods, but it combines basic fairy garden elements in an unexpected way.

PAVE THE WAY ▶

When paving faux roads, glue black sand and glitter to black cardstock—this makes for textured, realistic-looking asphalt.

Tip: Metal leaf brush-on adhesive paints on smoothly, so it's great for gritty surfaces.

On the cover: To build a gnome-size stairway, cut and paint dowel rods and hot glue them into bundles.

Tip: Cut the dowels uneven lengths and glue on bits of moss for a worn look.





GO WITH THE FLOW

In addition to coloring and curing resin (*birdbath*), another way to create water is to use blue glitter cardstock (*creek*). This is a quick method that works well for flat areas.





CUTEST X-ING

Ladybug picks have travel options. Stick them right into moss and foam to rearrange later or snip off their pick wires and hot glue them to any solid elements (like the readymade stone wall).



◁ FAIRY TRAIL

Prepare for a built-in pathway by cutting a winding trail through a moss sheet before adding other project elements. Then add river rocks and fill in with sand to keep the rocks in place.

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▽ BEACHY KEEN

This zen garden-inspired scene doesn't require glue or tons of time, so just swap things out when the seasons change or when the mood strikes.



▽ TALK SHOP

Love to build from the moss-covered ground up? Create a market stand out of basswood and balsa wood—they come in strips, sheets, blocks and assorted shapes that are perfect for constructing all the made-from-scratch details.





FAIR AND SQUARE

To help corners meet squarely on DIY boxes, cut half the dowels a bit longer. For example, the dowels on this sandbox's opposing sides are cut half an inch longer.



ENTERTAIN TINT

Stain balsa wood with Color Wash™ tint to help certain elements (like this crate and "Flowers" sign) pop. It dries quickly, so just brush on more coats for a darker finish. The water-based formula absorbs well into wood, wicker and other non-coated surfaces.





BUD EASE ▴

To make wrapping tiny bouquets easier, choose the smallest flower buds from floral sprays and bushes, then cut the leaves off the bottom halves of their stems so the vellum tapers more neatly into the cone shape.

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CUP O' LAVENDER ▷

Have an extra teacup or tiny bowl? Fairy gardens can sprout from even the smallest containers, and when the display is scaled back, there's extra time to focus on the details. In this case, that means a gold-leafed horn, a teensy flower crown and flocked lavender.



OVER THE MOON

To create a stunning moon wreath a sleepy fairy can't resist, cut a section out of an 18" grapevine wreath and then mold it into a crescent shape. Tie up any loose ends with jute or twine.



MOSS THAT STICKS

An adhesive moss mat is a simple way to create a natural, full backdrop for a scene, so later it's easier to layer in even more texture with assorted moss and accents, like these bees and butterflies (they're picks, so they just stick right in!).



NATURAL GIFT GIVER

Charm crafty friends' imaginations by gifting them a personalized fairy garden kit. Simply combine miniature-world staples—like assorted moss and greenery—with a few special pieces just for them.

Deliver the kit in the container it will be arranged in (like a hexagon-shaped wall shelf, perhaps?) for an extra-thoughtful touch.

REFRESHING RESIN

Add in a dash of dye and pigment powder when mixing resin to create a realistic-looking creek or pond. For extra fairy sparkle, sprinkle in a little ultra-fine glitter.



LIGHT-UP RESIN GEODE

Note: Follow safety precautions (such as wearing gloves and working in a well-ventilated area) when working with resin.

SUPPLIES

- Stone resin mold (comes in pack of 3)
- LED lights
- Resin
- Glitter
- Powdered pigment
- Alcohol ink



STEP 1

Insert LED lights into stone mold, leaving out battery pack.



STEP 2

Mix resin according to package instructions and tint with small amount of ink. Then add powdered pigment and glitter.



STEP 3

Pour tinted resin into stone mold. Let cure according to package instructions.



STEP 4

Remove stone from mold and place in fairy house. *Tip:* Hide battery pack under moss.

TRUNK SHOW ▷

Durability is key when it comes to a project's base (or a fairy's work station). This sturdy cement tree trunk planter is painted and textured to seamlessly blend with the moss-covered floral foam, bringing this gardening space to life.

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FAIRY MASON ▷

First order of business for a fairy garden terrarium? Arrange and glue all the core elements together (here, everything but the moss and succulents). This makes getting them into jars much easier.

Tip: Place battery-operated bottle lights under the lid for an enchanting glow.



CUE TO GLUE

Once all the fairy's gardening accessories are in place, hot glue them to her work bench for a permanent scene that's easily transportable.



PUT A PIN IN IT

Use wire floral pins to fasten moss and greenery to foam bricks. Or just cut small pieces of floral wire and curve them into U-shaped picks, then secure the element into the foam.